

# **MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY**

## **Declaratory Statement**

August 12, 2003

## **Physical Therapist Assistant Supervision**

(Reference. Section 10-2 of old regulations; Section 9-2 1.1 of new regulations effective July 22, 2003)

The purpose of this declaratory statement is to clarify that the first supervisory treatment day begins when the Physical Therapist (PT) and the Physical Therapist Assistant (PTA) make their joint visit and treatment of the patient. Furthermore, if the physical therapist personally renders treatment without the physical therapists assistant participating in the treatment regime, the counting of the visits begins again when the physical therapist assistant begins rendering treatment to the patient. In addition, on the sixth treatment day or fourteenth calendar day, whichever comes first, the supervising physical therapist must personally render treatment and reassess the patient. It is not a requirement for the physical therapist assistant to be present this visit; however, it does not preclude the physical therapist assistant from being present.